



# WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS**

Parents and Guardians, make sure your child is properly protected and immunized before school starts.

In addition to the existing school vaccination requirements, the following are new requirements for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine for entry into Kindergarten **AND** 1st Grade
- 1 dose of Tdap vaccine for entry into 7th **AND** 8th grades
- 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine for entry into 7th **AND** 8th grades

**On the first day of school, you must provide proof of vaccination or proof of an appointment to receive the vaccines.** The appointment should be within 20 days of the first day of school. Work with your healthcare provider to get your child's vaccination record or to schedule needed vaccinations.

You may also contact the Washington County Health Department at 240-313-3210 to schedule an appointment for immunizations.

Keep copies of all your child's immunization records in a safe place. Your child will need the records for college and certain occupations.

**The Washington County Public Schools' 2015 – 2016 school year begins on August 19, 2015.**

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